

20<sup>th</sup> October 2024



What is your aim in life? Last week we reflected on seeking after wealth. This week, we look at the quest for power, status or influence. Is life about getting to the top?

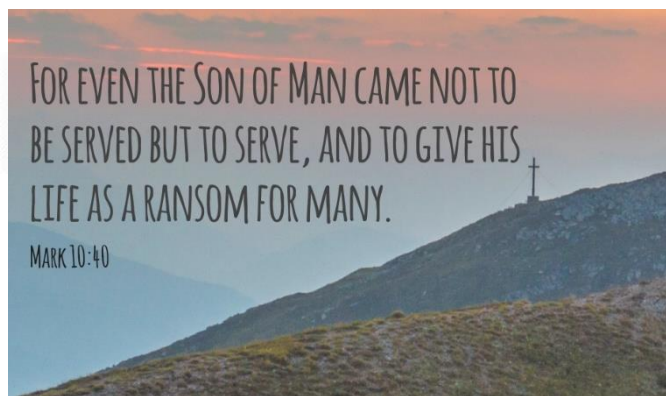
It is said that in Ancient Rome, when a victorious general returned to Rome, the Senate might grant him the honour of having a triumphal procession. He would be lauded as the big man, the hero. He would be permitted to parade all the spoils of his victory: treasures, prisoners, the vanquished enemy leaders. Such a lavish spectacle, all focused on the one man. How mighty and powerful he is, awesome even. Crowned with a laurel wreath and cloaked in purple. He could almost believe himself close to being divine. Talk about being put on a pedestal. Yet it is reported that riding in the same chariot as the general would be a slave, who's job was to speak into his ear, 'Remember you are a man'. Don't let all this go to your head, you are still human, you are still mortal. Remember humility.'

During the coronation of King Charles III, amidst all the pageantry and ceremony, the precious regalia and tradition, was the declaration the King made: "I come not to be served but to serve." He made vows to uphold the rights and freedoms of his subjects.

We hear today how James and John sought positions of status and honour sitting at the right and left hands of Christ in glory. And in our reading we hear how earthly leaders all too often interpret leadership as a chance to lord it over others.

Jesus teaches the disciples that true leadership is shown in service, and puts it most wonderfully in Mark 10.45, "For even the Son of Man did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many." Words he did not just speak, but put into action on the cross. Wearing a borrowed cloak and crowned with thorns. In the kingdom of heaven, success is measured more by the service we can give others, than how much service we are be given by others. If we call ourselves his followers, let us follow his example of service.

*Rod*



### Please pray for...

David Lucas, Colin Smith, David Halford, John Panter, Norman Law and Diana Picton-Robinson. Also for Debra Deeley's Son-in-law, Andy Morton and Nita Heath's son-in-law, Gordon Robinson.

*Please let the Church Office know if you would like your name to be added or removed from this list.*

### Tear Fund Big Quiz

**Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> November** in the Parish Rooms. Do join us for this year's quiz. Teams of 4 – 6 and



individuals welcome. Please let Elaine know on [opsmanagerofstmarys@gmail.com](mailto:opsmanagerofstmarys@gmail.com) so we can ensure there are enough answer sheets to go round. More details to follow closer to the date.

### Christmas Choir - will you join in?



'Christmas Choir' practices for St Mary's Carol service on the 22<sup>nd</sup> December start at **7.30pm** on Thursdays from **this week** for harmony singers, with sopranos and tune singers joining from **28<sup>th</sup> November**. Please let Elaine Cook know if you'd like to take part. All welcome.

### All Souls Service

**Saturday 2<sup>nd</sup> November, 10.30am** in St Mary's. Everyone welcome. Please name any you wish to be remembered on the list in the Welcome area.

### St Mary's Autumn Meeting

Each year our Autumn meeting is a chance to catch up with what's going on in our church and reflect on where God may be calling us. This year's meeting is on **Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November at 7.00pm** in church. We hope to see you there.

### Remembrance Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> November

The service on Remembrance Sunday is at **10.45am**, there is no 9.00 service that day. Instead, a Communion service will be held at 6.30pm on Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> November.

## Services

Services are in St Mary's Church unless otherwise indicated.

### 9.00am BCP Holy Communion

### 10.30am CW Holy Communion

Readings: Hebrews 5. 1-10; Mark 10.34-45

The 10.30 service will also be on Zoom.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85337124930?pwd=NFdMTzRMR2JXbXRoSctVRS9PSkZXdz09>

Meeting ID: 853 3712 4930 Password: 867888

### Wednesday Morning Prayer 9.00am ZOOM

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89943278704?pwd=RytPQ3RmOG5yYlBpUWpoWWkxWGFEZz09>

Meeting ID: 899 4327 8704 Password: 730701

### Thursday 10.00am BCP Holy Communion



## Iona Communion Service

Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> October 6.30pm

Reading: Col 3. 12-17

## Sunday Sermons

These are available on our website:

<https://www.stmarysmarketdrayton.org.uk/media>

## Church Clock

Repairs to the clock are nearly complete.

If you would like to make a donation towards the cost of repairs. This can be done by scanning this QR code or clicking



here <https://givealittle.co/c/4LCcgzleOjgqN78gn05FSA>

## SWAP SHOP

Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> November, from 10.30 am in the Parish Rooms. Donations will be gratefully received (men's clothing particularly welcome), as well as helpers please.



## Bring & Share Lunch



Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> October hosted by our brass band ladies, Nita, Cynthia and Gillian, in the Parish Rooms.

## Visually Impaired Club

The leaders are looking for volunteers to work alongside them on the first Wednesday of each month at 2pm in the Methodist Church Hall in support of those with failing or no eyesight. Tea and cake is always served! To volunteer or for more information, please contact Barbara Shingler (tel: 652555) or ask Lyn Turnock or Carol Siddall.

## Foodbank Items Needed

Stock Items urgently required.



Tinned tomatoes; Rice Pudding; Custard;

Tins of Ham or Chicken; Cartons of UHT Milk;

Cartons of Long Life Fruit Juice; Washing up Liquid;

Bleach; Shaving Foam

**We have plenty of**—Cereals; Pasta; Rice; Tea;

Baked Beans; Cleaning products; Conditioner; Jam.

If you need to contact the Foodbank, please call

**01630 654007** (not the one in the church directory).

The trolley at the back of church is now in use and

donations are gratefully received.

## Singing For the Brain



For people living with dementia, friends, family & carers, or even if you want to

come for a sing- a- long. We meet every **Thursday**

**1.45pm** at the Beacon Centre. £2.50 pp includes tea

and biscuits. For further details please contact Avril

01630 656264

## UCB's Bag of Hope

UCB's Bag of Hope [www.ucb.co.uk/bagofhope](http://www.ucb.co.uk/bagofhope) is

free, except for postage and packaging. It comes with a bible-based book, suitable for children aged

4-8yrs, which tells of creation and through to the

life of Jesus, including the first Christmas, Easter

and the resurrection. If you're worried about 'trick

or treaters' coming knocking, why not order a few

bags, add a few sweets and you can treat them to a

Bag of Hope! Order before the 23<sup>rd</sup> Oct if you want

them before the 31<sup>st</sup>.

## Staying in Touch

Please either leave a message or send an email and we will get back to you as soon as possible.

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